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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A vacuum contactor, comprising:

a contactor housing;

a drive coil;

an armature;

an operating element; and

at least one vacuum contact, wherein the drive coil is adapted to deflect the armature from an armature rest position to an armature operating position when a pull-in

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